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Sir

I some time ago rec.d the inclosed Account from Mr. Cannon who was in the Quarter Masters Line at York, but presented it as friendly Agent for the Mr. Shuck who makes the Demand. I did not choose to pay the Bill without your Approbation & expected you here from therefore did not forward it earlier. You will please to direct me about the Payment, or reserve the matter to yourself as may be most agreeable to you. The

Honble Mr Mathews mentioned
his having paid 15 Dollars for
you at your Shot on some occasion
either at Mrs Houses or elsewhere,
which, I do not, now, recollect. I
threw the money down to him im-
stantly in Congress, but he said
he would not take it of me, unless
it should so happen that you
do not returns till he is going
home. In every Thing of this
kind I shall aim to do you
instant Credit.

Sir, I cannot think
the Enemy mean seriously to
attack Boston! But, so many
are against me that I should

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not be just to my dear Polly
if I did not desire your
Counsel & aid to her in Case
of an Events contrary to my
Opinion. I see nothing but
total ruin in her Removal,
therefore I would have her
tarry to the Latest Extremity
She may easily seal up and
convey away any Papers of
mine that are of the least Use
to me or would do her Injury
if within the Power of the Enemy
together with her Parson. I
do not think Gr Britain can
risque such an Expedition: and
I do not think that dear Officer

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here in America would dare
undertake it without her express
Order. I believe the Talk
of it is to delude the unhappy
Infamous at N. York who are
to be deserted to our Will
and Pleasure.

Your obliged humb Serv.
James Lovell

Hon. John Hancock Esq.

I hope I have quite escaped from
a severely threatned nervous Fever.
I propose being abroad again Today tho
I found myself much fatigued yesterday

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